

National Register of Historic Places Preliminary Questionnaire

Thank you for your inquiry about nominating a property to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register of Historic Places is our nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation and protection. The National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archaeological resources. Properties listed in the National Register include buildings, archaeological sites, structures, objects, and districts--groups of resources--that are significant in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. Listing in the National Register is an honorific distinction. It does not place any special requirements or restrictions on the property.

Before you invest substantial time and energy in the preparation of a National Register nomination form for your property, we encourage you to complete and submit the attached National Register of Historic Places Preliminary Questionnaire. This questionnaire solicits basic information about the history of the property and its current physical condition. We also require that you submit clear, recent photographs of its interior and exterior. The staff of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will evaluate the subject property on the basis of this information and will offer you a pre-



Michigan's State Historic Preservation Office was established in the late 1960s, following passage of the National Historic Preservation Act. The SHPO provides technical assistance to individuals and communities in their efforts to identify, evaluate, designate, and protect Michigan's historic resources.



liminary opinion as to its eligibility.

To learn more about the National Register nomination process, contact the Michigan SHPO or visit our webpage at www.michiganhistory.org. Be advised that completion of the National Register nomination form requires in-depth archival and field research, and presupposes a knowledge of the National Register eligibility requirements. This work may require the assistance of a professional history consultant.

Please note that materials submitted to the SHPO (including photographs and photocopies of information) will **not** be returned to the applicant.

Questions about the National Register of Historic Places Preliminary Questionnaire and other programs administered by the SHPO should be directed to (517) 373-1630 or preservation@michigan.gov.

Please return the completed Preliminary Questionnaire to the following address:

State Historic Preservation Office
Michigan Historical Center
702 West Kalamazoo Street
P.O. Box 30740
Lansing, MI 48909-8240

Images of National Register resources (top to bottom): SS Milwaukee Clipper; Muskegon; Knapp Company Building, Lansing; Point Betsie Light Station, Frankfort; Mies van der Rohe/Lafayette Park Historic District, Detroit.

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Contact Information

Name _____

Address _____

Home Telephone (including area code) _____

Work Telephone (including area code) _____

Mobile Telephone (including area code) _____

Fax _____

Email _____

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Property name and address

What is the historic name of the property? _____

What is the current name of the property? _____

Where is the property located? _____

Street address

Governmental unit

County

I wish to nominate this property because:

Historic significance

Why is this property important? Is it:

- ☐ Associated with a significant historical event(s)?
- ☐ Associated with a significant historical person(s)?
- ☐ An important work of architecture, design, or engineering?
- ☐ An archaeological site?

Explain:

What are the most significant dates in the property's history? A significant date could be the date of construction, the date of a significant event that occurred at the property, the dates a significant person lived at the property, etc.

Date:

Event:

Which of the broad historic themes below best illustrate the history of the property? Check as many as apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Maritime History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment/Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration/Settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Health/Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Politics/Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Planning & Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics | <input type="checkbox"/> Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

In the space below, provide as much historical information about the property as possible. *Be certain to include sources of information, or attach photocopies of relevant printed materials.*

Integrity assessment

How would you evaluate the physical integrity of this property? Does it retain most of its original building materials? Has the property been altered, either through additions or through the removal of original elements? Explain, providing dates of changes if known:

Has the setting of the property changed significantly over time? For example, was the setting once rural, but now suburban? Explain:

Does this property stand at its original location, or has it been moved? If moved, when? Explain:

Photographs

Please provide recent, non-archival photographs that clearly show the following:

- 📷 Each visible facade of the property's exterior (frontal and oblique views)
- 📷 Primary spaces in the property's interior (if interior is accessible)
- 📷 Details of historic architectural elements, both interior and exterior
- 📷 The subject property in the context of its immediate neighborhood

Label all photographs, including name of the property, date of photograph, and description. The description should include what is depicted in each view (for example, "front facade," "living room," or "stamped metal ceiling detail"). Directional information is also helpful ("view facing west"). *These photographs will not be returned to the applicant.*

Map

If the subject property comprises more than just a single building (such as a part or farmstead), then provide a rough sketch map with historic features clearly marked. (A hand-drawn map or annotated printed map will suffice.) Historic features might include the following: driveways, paths, fences, old growth trees, orchards, outbuildings like barns or saunas, gardens, walls, entry gates, etc. Also identify new, non-historic features that have been added to the site, including dates of construction if known. Label major streets and include a north arrow.

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